## **HOUSE RESOLUTION 297**

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A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Patricia Jean Denney, 2010 Valedictorian of Columbia Academy.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Patricia Jean Denney is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2010 graduating class at Columbia Academy; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Patricia has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, Ms. Denney has earned an exemplary 4.0 grade point average and has demonstrated outstanding leadership while participating in a number of scholastic and civic organizations, including Pep Club, Science Club, Spiritual Emphasis Council, National Honor Society, and Junior Civitan Club; she also served as Editor-in-Chief of the Columbia Academy *Paw Print*; and

WHEREAS, she also displayed her many talents and athletic prowess while participating as a member of the girls' soccer team for four years, serving as Co-Captain and being named Defensive MVP her senior year, and as a member of the bowling team for four years, she was named to the All-District team her senior year; and

WHEREAS, deeply involved in community service, she has been a member of four mission trips to Mexico, is a member of her church's youth group, has taught fifth and sixth grade Bible class at her church, and has organized a variety of events at her church, including Ladies' Day; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, she is a recipient of the Girl Scout Gold Award for her project concerning literacy promotion; and

WHEREAS, Patricia's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success; and

WHEREAS, her noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, Wade and Jeanine Denney, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Patricia's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby commend and honor 2010 Columbia Academy Valedictorian, Patricia Jean Denney, on her impressive academic achievement and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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